



# KOSOVO



The United States' goal is to help Kosovo become a stable, democratic, and economically viable country within Europe, offering equal opportunity and protections to all its citizens. In pursuit of this goal, the United States is encouraging private sector-led economic growth so that Kosovo's citizens can prosper; ensuring that society and government are firmly grounded in the rule of law; ensuring Kosovo remains a home for all its diverse peoples; building the institutions of Kosovo's government and civil society required for a strong democratic society; and working with European partners and the Government of Kosovo to support the normalization of relations with Serbia, to contribute to regional stability, and to realize Kosovo's European and Euro-Atlantic integration aspirations.

## Assistance Activities by U.S. Goals in Kosovo:

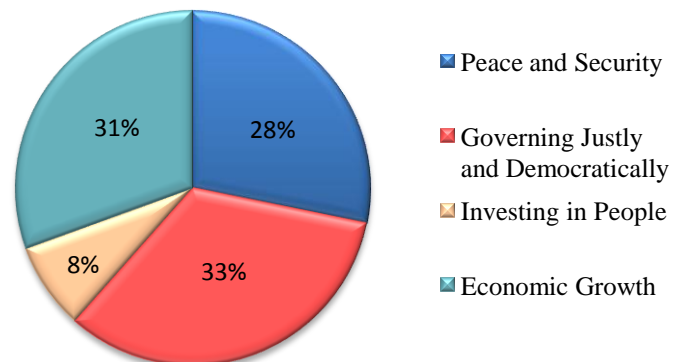
*Kosovo has sustainable, private sector led economic growth that benefits all segments of its diverse society*

- The United States is providing technical assistance to Government of Kosovo (GOK) ministries and private sector entities on business reforms and macroeconomic policy. Additionally, the U.S. government is assisting targeted sectors, including agriculture and energy, to become more productive and competitive in domestic and international markets; increasing private sector access to financial capital; and improving the image of Kosovo for investment.

*Kosovo's society and government are more strongly grounded in the rule of law and better promote transparent, accountable institutions of a democratic society, including civil society*

- The United States is providing technical assistance to encourage elected officials to adopt best democratic practices, improve electoral processes and increase the effectiveness of the Kosovo Assembly in its legislation and oversight functions. Small grants to civil society actors in Kosovo are helping to develop the capacity of local non-governmental organizations and alumni groups to prepare them to engage more actively in policy decisions and assume a watchdog function.

FY 2012 Foreign Operations Assistance by Objective\*



BY ACCOUNT	FY 2012 ACTUAL	FY 2013 ESTIMATE	FY 2014 REQUEST
TOTAL (in thousand \$)	66,718	62,100	57,158
Assistance for Europe, Eurasia and Central Asia	61,998	0	0
Economic Support Fund	0	45,939	41,014
Foreign Military Financing	3,000	2,848	4,000
International Military Education and Training	810	712	750
International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement	0	11,751	10,674
Nonproliferation, Antiterrorism, Demining and Related Programs	910	850	720

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## *Kosovo's society and government, cont.*

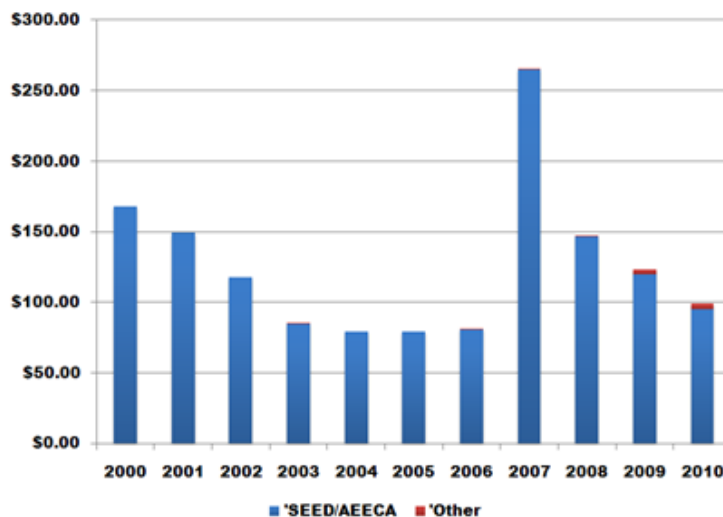
- In the justice sector, U.S. training is building the capacity of prosecutors, law enforcement professionals, and judicial institutions, while U.S. technical assistance is enabling criminal procedure reform and related legislation. The United States is also supporting reforms that would better protect the rights of victims of crime and enable their participation in investigations and judicial proceedings.

***Kosovo is a country where all its diverse people, especially Kosovo Serbs, contribute to and benefit from Kosovo's democratic institutions and economic growth, while being more integrated and accepted by society as a whole***

- The United States is fostering cooperation and connections between Kosovo Serb communities and the GOK, including the protection of Serbian language and cultural rights, the restoration of religious and cultural sights, grassroots community engagement, improvement of local governance, and business development and job creation and training.
- The United States is providing technical assistance to Kosovo Serb-majority municipalities to help them establish effective local government administration and create more opportunities for Kosovo Serbs. In the same vein, U.S. assistance to minority media institutions is increasing their professionalism and sustainability.
- The United States is providing technical assistance to help local universities improve their curricula, further develop library collections, and increase professional and education exchanges between Kosovo and the United States, including the Fulbright exchange program. In addition, U.S. funding for educational advising and testing centers will promote U.S. institutions of higher learning among Kosovo youth.

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<b>TOTAL (in thousand \$)</b>	<b>66,718</b>	<b>62,100</b>	<b>57,158</b>
Peace and Security	18,805	16,149	19,215
Governing Justly and Democratically	22,264	24,880	20,273
Investing in People	5,280	2,680	1,280
Economic Growth	20,369	18,391	16,390

**FY 2000-2010 Foreign Operations Assistance (in millions)**



***Kosovo continues to contribute positively to regional stability and good neighborly relations on its path to Euro-Atlantic integration***

- The United States is providing equipment to the Kosovo Security Force (KSF), an emergency response and civil protection force. In addition, the United States is providing technical advisers to the KSF, English language instruction, and professional development training for officers, all of which will help develop the KSF in accordance with NATO norms.
- On border security, the United States is providing technical assistance and training to Kosovo's border forces to boost their ability to interdict illicit items of proliferation concern and other contraband, and to establish a functioning export control system.
- The United States provides advisors, judges, and police to the EU Rule of Law Mission (EULEX) in support of its goal to strengthen rule of law throughout all of Kosovo.

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[Coordinator's Office Annual Reports](#) [U.S. Embassy Website](#) [www.foreignassistance.gov](http://www.foreignassistance.gov)

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